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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Michel GARRAIT et al.) Group Art Unit: 1623
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Application No.: 350,152/09) Examiner: T. Oh
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Filed: July 9, 1999)
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For: PROCESS FOR THE)
PREPARATION OF)
HYDROXYMETHYLBUTYRIC)
ACID)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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EXAMINER COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to a telephone interview with Examiner Oh on February 21, 2003, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed April 5, 2001, and a copy of the stamped post card.

This amendment cancels claims 1-14 and adds claims 15-34. Accordingly, contrary to the advisory action, claims 16-34 are already pending and the amendment filed December 23, 2002, merely corrects typographical errors in claim dependency. This amendment requires no further search or examination and its entry is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a new Advisory Action acknowledging the pendency of claims 16-34 and indicating that the amendment of December 23, 2002, will be entered for purposes of appeal.

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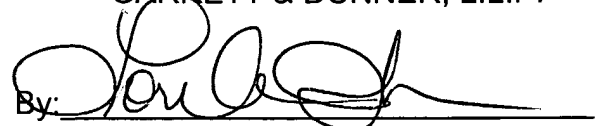
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1. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page)
2. Transmittal Letter (2 pages)
3. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (15 pages)
4. Check for \$1,214 (Extension Fee: \$890, Add'l Claims Fee: \$54, and Multiple Dep. Fee: \$270)

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